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CHARLOTTE, NC

# MESSENGER

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for the top 2  
tackiest dressed!

## COOKOUT *and Hawaiian Shirt Sunday*

JUNE 4

**WE'LL CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES AND KICK OFF  
OUR SUMMER PROGRAMMING!**

A free lunch provided immediately after the  
Worship Celebration

*Pritchard Courtyard  
Rain location: Fellowship Hall*





# Dr. Chris Richardson

*Pastor*

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As May rolls into June, I am shocked that I'm already coming into my fifth month of service here! Wow, time flies when you're literally trying to learn everyone's name and a whole new set of roads and who is related to whom! As I've gotten to know this wonderful church family and seen how we do things, I have been amazed by the servant's hearts. The deep desire of our church to love and reach those who surround our church building and the entire world with the love of Jesus.

As I've had these conversations, here are the big picture goals that the staff and I are suggesting we embrace for the coming church year (which we're considering September through August, in order to embrace the rhythms most of our people already live by). We're going to build and discuss these initiatives throughout the summer, then seek to fully work on them in the fall.

First, we want to be deliberate and intentional about how we "Open the Front Doors." What are the front doors? Not necessarily those that open in the back of the sanctuary, but they can be. More, the "front doors" of today include our internet presence, hospitality team on Sundays, and our homes where we hope to have groups and fellowships.

Second, we want to seek to "Grow Small." This does not mean losing members or having fewer in attendance on Sunday mornings. Instead, it means we are hoping to emphasize that growth in the 2020s often occurs in more niche settings, such as home groups, small group events, and over the dinner table. Large events do not fuel church growth the way they used to, but everyone we know wants meaningful relationships. Church is a wonderful place for that.

Third, we are asking everyone to "Invest Intentionally." One of the difficulties in the church world is that some of us think we can do everything. We can't. But each of us can do SOMETHING. And this is the big one we are looking to get in front of you this coming summer. We're going to be looking at the help our various ministries need, including our hospitality team (think Sunday greeting), kids' ministry, youth ministry, and so many others. Please do NOT think about signing up for every ministry. Please DO think about what God has made you passionate about and commit to pitching in there. We will be working our way up to a church "Signing Day" (it's actually two days) at the end of August, the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. We're going to try to get everyone to sign up to pitch in somewhere, then we'll be starting those things on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

All this to say, look for more details, ask God to work on your heart and the hearts of others. If we want our church to be light and joy in the years and decades to come, it is going to take all of us working together to love outsiders in the name of Jesus.

Chris



## Sports Camp

- **June 12-16** for ages 5-7 • **June 26-30** for ages 8-11

A week full of sports including basketball, pickleball, capture the flag, and the infamous swap ball! Campers must bring a bagged lunch. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Drop off starting at 8:30 AM and pickup no later than 4:30 PM. Cost: \$200

## Music and Art Camp

- **June 27-30** for ages kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade (completed)

Calling all music and art loving kids! Campers will be creative with paints/clay and enjoy making music through singing and instruments. 9:00 AM-12 Noon. Cost: \$25

## Beach Balls and Popsicles Dance Camp

- **June 20-23** for ages 5 and up

This four-day camp from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM is the perfect camp to kick off summer. Each day will be themed around summer fun and dance. Campers will need to bring a bag lunch, but snacks will be provided. Parents are invited to come on Friday, June 23 at 11:30 AM to see what all their camper learned during the week. Cost: \$200



## Upcoming Camps -

**Twist Kids Foundation Yoga:** July 10-13, **Yes I Can Basketball Camp for Little Dribblers** (ages 5-7): July 24-27, **Summer of Champions** (ages 8-11): July 17-20, **The Final Countdown** (ages 7-11): August 14-17, **Camp Ridgecrest** (rising 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders): August 7-11, **Dollie-Me-Up Camp** (ages 5 and up): July 19-21, **Elsa and Friends Day Camp** (ages 5 and up): July 31

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Summer days are here for the children at the CDC. The families and children loved the annual picnic that all of you provided for them! Thank you to all who were a part of this great event!

I have a dream and I hope I can get your help. During the hot days of summer, we cannot stay outside for too long so I would love to set up "Theme Rooms" for the students to play in. Here are my thoughts -

- "Castle Room" - Dress up clothes, a big box that we can paint and make look like a castle, toys related to castles, toy horses, male and female Barbie dolls, etc.
- "Building Room" - Any form of blocks, or children building toys, a kid's work bench, Legos, magna-tiles, etc.
- "Space Room" - Space toys of any kind, Christmas white lights, large and medium boxes to paint and build a control center, sheer material to line the walls and stars that glow in the dark.
- "Music Room" - Toy instruments, dress-up clothes, inflatable guitars, microphones, Bluetooth speaker and painted backdrop.

I need someone who could paint a backdrop and help turn boxes into castles and spaceships. If this is your passion and you would like to help design and plan these rooms, I would love for you to contact me.

This month we will have a graduation for 14 students that will be leaving our program. It is sad, yet happy for the teachers because these students started as early as six weeks old and have grown up before our eyes. Let's all say a little prayer for these students as they leave us and continue in their growth journey. I feel blessed to have been a part of their lives, even if it was for a short time!

In His Service,  
Kathy Evans, Interim Director, and the CDC Advisory Board - Debbie Price (Chairperson), Meg McCormick, Morgan Jessup, Melissa Wisor and Doug Burkhardt



**Rev. Stan Heiser**  
*Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care and Senior Adults*  
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### Special Day Trip - Thursday, June 15

Come join us as we journey to The Carolina Field of Honor at Triad Park in Kernersville, NC. This is the second largest veterans memorial between Atlanta and Washington, DC. To me, it is a smaller version of the war memorial in our nation's capital. Truly, a must see! We will have lunch at C&H Cafeteria in Kernersville before going to our next stop.



Our second visit will be to see the award winning Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden in Kernersville. From beautiful flowers to hardy plants and trees....Mother Nature puts on a real show at this 7-acre garden. Our tour may even include a presentation about the flowers of the Bible. This gorgeous

place offers themed gardens, visitor center and gift shop.

We will leave Pritchard by mini bus at 9:00 AM and return by 5:00 PM. The cost is your meal and purchases at the gift shop. Sign up on Realm or call the Church Office.

### NCBAM/Fort Caswell

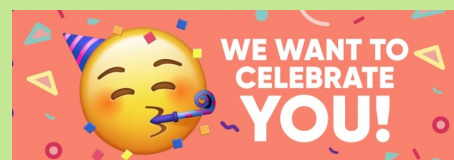
This summer, North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) will coordinate the construction of a new beautiful 65' accessibility ramp. This will provide access to the fire pit, corn hole and new seating areas at the back of Smith Conference Center. With this addition - everyone - regardless of age or mobility, will be able to enjoy this area and be just a little bit closer to the glorious sights and soothing sounds of Cape Fear.

This project will take place during SummerFest Week 2 (August 21-25). The price of lumber is very high and purchasing all the supplies will not be cheap. Your financial support and volunteer builders are needed. For more information, please contact me.



Lori Williams.....	6/1
Jeff Steger .....	6/2
Austyn Knepp.....	6/4
Hayes Knepp.....	6/4
Pat Cunningham-Billets.....	6/5
Kathy Evans.....	6/6
Wendy Smith.....	6/8
Pam Walters.....	6/8
Chris Black.....	6/9
Carolyn McIntosh.....	6/10
Lucas Hicks.....	6/11
Molly Hewitt.....	6/12
Dana Fox.....	6/12
Nancy Parris.....	6/14
Joe Thomas.....	6/16
Troy Mitchell.....	6/19
Dianne McGaha.....	6/19
Dana Vaden.....	6/20
Louise Bessinger.....	6/20
Peggy Cherry.....	6/20
Diane Eaves.....	6/20
Kathy Thomas.....	6/22
James Fisher.....	6/24
Ben Franklin.....	6/24
Lewis Johnson.....	6/24
Mike King.....	6/24
Fifi Green.....	6/26
Susan Rose.....	6/26
Bret McCormick.....	6/26
Tommy Nettles.....	6/27
Pat Springsteen.....	6/28
Addie Ballard.....	6/28
Michelle Taylor.....	6/29
Susha Hursey.....	6/29

*Do you have a birthday in June?  
 If we inadvertently missed you, please call the Church Office.*





## Adam Calderone

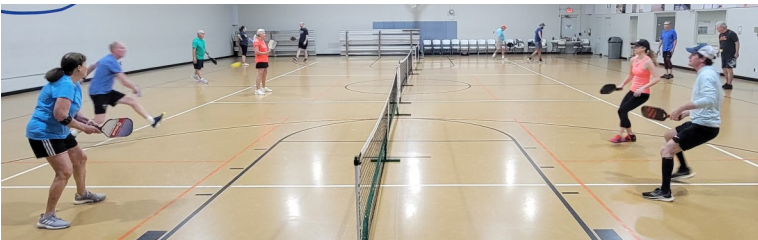
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Happy June everyone! June is one of my favorite months out of the year, as it signifies the start of summer. Warm weather, Knights games at the stadium downtown, beach trips, summer camps, and much more! We are in for a huge summer here at Pritchard Recreation and we are in need of some help around the facility. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know, let's get you plugged in!

There is still time to sign up for summer camps. If you want to sign your child up, your neighbor, your grandkids that all of the sudden showed up for the summer, whomever, you aren't too late! With plenty of options for kids 5-11 and scholarships still available, you don't want to miss out on a summer of fun. You can find specific details on the website, in this newsletter or you can contact me for information.

Last month, we hosted our first ever Pritchard Recreation Pickleball Tournament. We had a great turnout and everyone had a blast. Our winners, Mark and Bryan, played a great turnout and took home pickleball gift cards. Be on the lookout for more tournaments and leagues in the fall, it's the fastest growing sport in the country for a reason, come find out why!



## Rev. Brack Ballard

*Minister to Youth  
and College-Aged Students*

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It is my pleasure to share with you all some exciting updates from Pritchard Youth. On June 4, we have graduation Sunday, where we will honor our high school graduates, Madison Bolin and Angel Grant, as well as our college graduates, Madison Walker and Garrett Elder. We'll also have a church-wide "Hawaiian Day" celebration, and I will have the pleasure of preaching that morning. The Youth Council and families of graduates will be setting up tents in the courtyard, where you can visit with our graduates and offer your congratulations.

In addition, we have our Youth Choir or SonPower trip June 19-23. David Bailes always does a fantastic job of leading this trip. No doubt, the youth choir trip is always one of my personal favorites of the week! This week entails fellowship, games, food, traveling, mission opportunities, worship, and of course singing! Thank you for your prayers and financial support to make this trip possible.



We are planning on going to Carowinds Wednesday, June 28! We will meet at Pritchard at 5:00 PM and ride the church bus to Carowinds. We will return by 9:30 PM at Pritchard. The waterpark will be closed but we will have a great time.

As always, we encourage you to follow us on Instagram @pritchardyouth and our private Pritchard Youth Facebook page for updates and announcements. We have some exciting events and activities planned for the coming weeks and months, and we look forward to sharing them with you all.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our youth ministry. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community of young people, parents, and volunteers, and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

# PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

## PSUMMER IN THE PSALMS

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

**SERMON:** "BEFORE YOU GOD"

**SCRIPTURE:** PSALM 23

REV. BRACK BALLARD

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

LORD'S SUPPER

**SERMON:** DR. CHRIS RICHARDSON

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

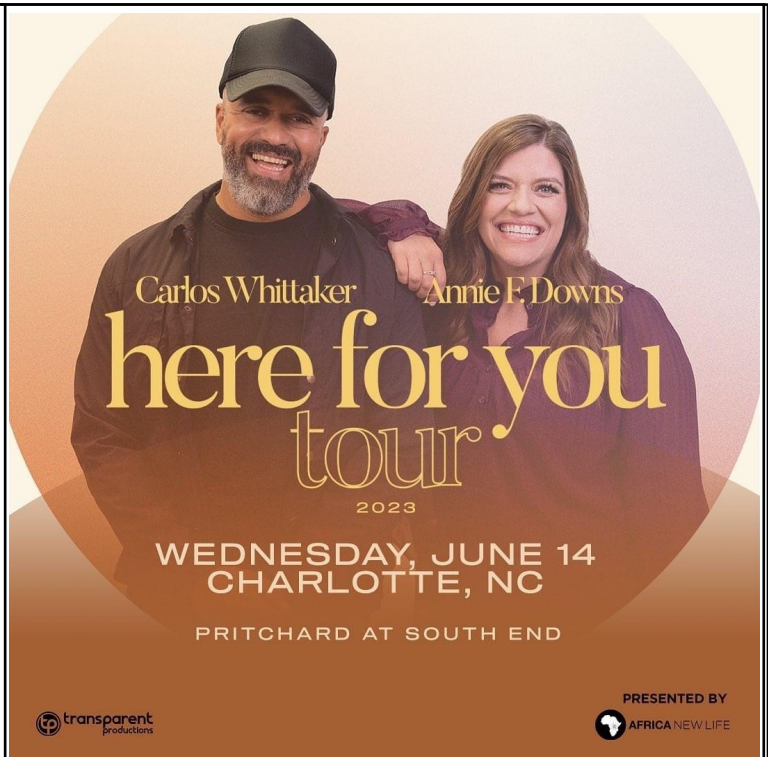
FATHER'S DAY

**SERMON:** DR. CHRIS RICHARDSON

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

**SERMON:** DR. CHRIS RICHARDSON

*The flowers on the altar table Sunday, June 25 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlie Byrd on his birthday, June 28. They are placed by his wife, Rose Byrd.*



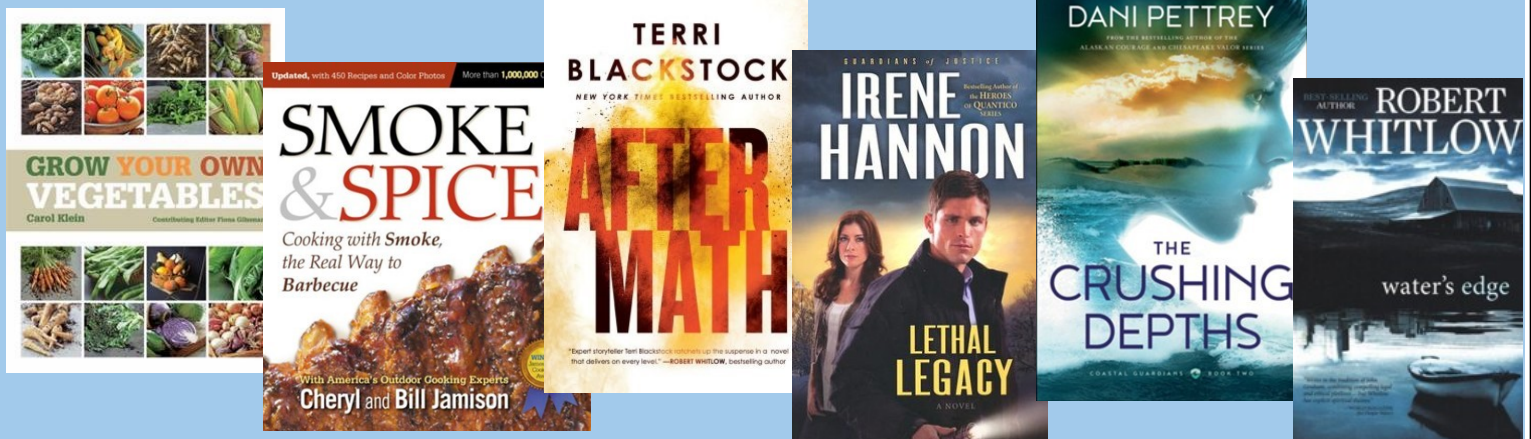
## "Invest Intentionally"

Is there something you are passionate about? Maybe working with children? Or social media? Audio visual such as lighting, cameras and video? Perhaps you are a 'people person' and you enjoy meeting new folks? Maybe our Child Development Center interests you? There are so many ways to plug in at Pritchard! From finance to recreation, food services to flowers and indoor beautification, health and wellness to bereavement, children to senior adults, baptism to communion, worship to outreach....THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU! Pick up an interest form found throughout the campus, fill it out and return it to Lynn in the Church Office.

## From the Media Center by Katrina Gore

**MEN READ TOO!** The month of June is in honor of our fathers. We have a variety of books men may want to read.

Below are just a few examples of gardening, grilling, mystery and suspense.....





**Thursday, June 1**

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

**Friday, June 2**

**Saturday, June 3**

**Sunday, June 4**

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Churchwide Cookout

**Monday, June 5**

**Tuesday, June 6**

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group (Spence home)

6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Bible Study/Prayer Time

**Wednesday, June 7**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, June 8**

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

**Friday, June 9**

**Saturday, June 10**

**Sunday, June 11**

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Church Council Meeting

**Monday, June 12**

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Sports Camp (Ages 5-7)

6:30 PM—Deacons Dinner/Meeting (Williams Lounge)

**Tuesday, June 13**

6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Bible Study/Prayer Time

10:00 AM—See 'n Sew

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Sports Camp (Ages 5-7)

**Wednesday, June 14**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Sports Camp (Ages 5-7)

NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL (due to Annie F. Downs concert)

**Thursday, June 15**

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Sports Camp (Ages 5-7)

9:00 AM-5:00 PM—Senior Adult Day Trip to Kenersville, NC

**Friday, June 16**

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Sports Camp (Ages 5-7)

**Saturday, June 17**

**Sunday, June 18**

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

**Monday, June 19**

Youth leave for SonPower

**Tuesday, June 20**

9:00 AM-3:00 PM—Beach Balls & Popsicles Camp (Ages 5+)

6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Bible Study/Prayer Time

**Wednesday, June 21**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)

9:00 AM-3:00 PM—Beach Balls & Popsicles Camp (Ages 5+)

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, June 22**

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

9:00 AM-3:00 PM—Beach Balls & Popsicles Camp (Ages 5+)

**Friday, June 23**

9:00 AM-3:00 PM—Beach Balls & Popsicles Camp (Ages 5+)

Youth return from SonPower

**Saturday, June 24**

**Sunday, June 25**

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Adult Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Lunch

**Monday, June 26**

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Sports Camp (Ages 8-11)

**Tuesday, June 27**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Music and Arts Camp for Kids

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Sports Camp (Ages 8-11)

10:00 AM—12:00 PM—Volunteers to Crisis Assistance

6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Bible Study/Prayer Time

**Wednesday, June 28**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)

9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Music and Arts Camp for Kids

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Sports Camp (Ages 8-11)

5:00 PM—Youth to Carowinds

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, June 29**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Music and Arts Camp for Kids

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Sports Camp (Ages 8-11)

**Friday, June 30**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Music and Arts Camp for Kids

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Sports Camp (Ages 8-11)

# Stewardship Update: April 2023 Revenues and Expenses Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Revenue	\$107,801	\$120,263	\$458,077	\$481,052
Expenses	\$101,072	\$110,223	\$437,945	\$484,140
Net Income	\$6,729	\$10,040	\$20,132	\$(3,088)

Year-to-date actual net income is \$20,132 compared to \$(3,088) for the budget, giving us a net difference of \$23,220 to the good.



If you are looking to invest in our families, please consider helping Melissa with Pritchard Kids on Sunday mornings. Volunteers are needed to teach Sunday School and to serve on the Worship Care rotation. Contact Melissa Wisor for more information or to volunteer!

## We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- Hudson Astephen and family in the passing of his father, Jason Astephen.
- Keenan Harmon and family in the passing of his father.
- David and Lisa Bailes in the passing of her mother; and Tyler Bowen in the passing of his grandmother, Linda Bunn.

## WELCOME To Our New Members!



### By Statement:

Brian and Amanda Thomas  
DEACON: Tara Rogers

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